



## TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Public Safety Committee  
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312  
September 26, 2017  
6:30 PM

### **Attendance**

Shari Cantor, Mayor  
Leon Davidoff, Chair  
Chris Barnes  
Dallas Dodge  
Beth Kerrigan  
Denise B. Hall  
Ben Wenograd  
Chris Williams

### **Staff**

Gary Allyn, Fire Chief  
Matt Hart, Town Manager  
Peter Privitera, Director of Finance  
Michael Sinsigalli, Assistant Fire Chief  
Richard Winn, Assistant Fire Chief

### **Members of the Public**

1. Call to Order: Chairman Davidoff called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Resolution to Appropriate FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant and Identify Town Matching Funds (see item 8 on 09/26/17 Town Council Agenda)

Chief Allyn presented the committee with a resolution to adopt a recent grant awarded to the Town in the amount of \$200,000. The grant is provided by FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Program and would allow for the acquisition of a paramedic support vehicle. The award covers 90% of the vehicle and related equipment with the Town required to match the remaining 10% (\$20,000). The Town plans to use the vehicle to support the advanced life support (ALS) or paramedic program. The vehicle would not be used to provide basic life support

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(BSL), which is provided by AMR. The deadline to accept or decline the grant is October 1, 2017; the Town has already received one 30-day extension.

Mr. Privitera and Mr. Hart highlighted the utilization plans of the vehicle, noting acceptance of the grant would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the fire department's ALS service.

Councilor Hall inquired about the allocation of revenues and expenses for the paramedic program. Mr. Privitera distributed a financial analysis of the first year of the program, as well as estimates for year two. Assistant Chief Winn provided data comparing fuel and other associated costs. Staff agreed to further refine the analysis for discussion at a future committee meeting.

Councilor Barnes asked about the time period of the grant process and how the acceptance of this grant might affect the ongoing discussion of the write-off policy discussed at the last committee meeting. Staff believes the two topics are separate and will continue the discussion of the write-off policy at the next committee meeting. Chief Allyn stated the Town has been offered this award in the past; however, because the Town did not offer the ALS service at that time, the Town declined the award. The Town is now in a position to accept the award.

3. Adjournment: Chairperson Davidoff adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm

The next Public Safety meeting is scheduled for **8:00 on October 5, 2017** in **room 312**.